

DLNR'S MISSION STATEMENT

HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XI — SECTIONS 1 AND 7

CONSERVATION AND

DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES

SECTION 1. For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawai'i's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State.

All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people.

SECTION 7. The State has an obligation to protect, control and regulate the use of Hawai'i's water resources for the benefit of its people.

The legislature shall provide for a water resources agency which, as provided by law, shall set overall water conservation, quality and use policies; define watersheds and natural stream environments; establish criteria for water use priorities while assuring appurtenant rights and existing correlative and riparian uses and establish procedures for regulating all uses of Hawai'i's water resources. (Add. Constitutional Convention 1978 and election November 7, 1978)